

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for attaching a wheeled element to a surface of an object comprising a caster bracket with flange means for receiving a connecting plate for said wheeled element, and a flexible member affixed to said caster bracket, said flexible member adapted to substantially immobilize said connecting plate when said flexible member engages a slot or edge of said connecting plate, said flexible member further comprising extension means adapted for direct manual deflection of said flexible member from said slot or edge of said connecting plate and for release of said connecting plate from said caster bracket, said extension means having a length extending past the perimeter of said caster bracket.

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2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said flexible member comprises a locking surface for engaging an edge of a slot or peripheral edge of said connecting plate, and said extension means comprises a tab member for direct manual compression for release of said connecting plate.

15 3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said caster bracket further comprises a bracket plate seated and affixed to said caster bracket.

4. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said flexible member engages an edge of said slot in said connecting plate.

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5. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the caster bracket includes means for mounting said bracket to the surface of an object.

25 6. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said flexible member is cantilevered and is affixed to said caster bracket with connecting means.

7. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said flexible member is cantilevered and is integral with said caster bracket.

8. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein said flange means of the caster bracket comprises a plurality of channels.

9. The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein said caster bracket further comprises an abutment for
5 engagement by said connecting plate.

10. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein said flexible member engages an edge of said connecting plate when said plate engages said abutment, securing said connecting plate and wheeled element to said caster bracket.

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11. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said connecting plate is a caster plate.

12. The apparatus of Claim 1 in combination with a connecting plate and wheeled element.

15 13. The apparatus of Claim 12 wherein said connecting plate and wheeled element are caster plate and caster, respectively.

14. The apparatus of Claim 3 in combination with a connecting plate and wheeled element.

20 15. The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein said connecting plate and wheeled element are caster plate and caster, respectively.

16. The apparatus of Claim 6 in combination with a connecting plate and a wheeled element.

25 17. The apparatus of Claim 16 wherein said connecting plate and said wheeled element are caster plate and caster, respectively.

18. A hardware kit comprising the apparatus of Claim 1.

19. A hardware kit comprising the apparatus of Claim 3..
20. A hardware kit comprising the apparatus of Claim 13.
- 5 21. A hardware kit comprising the apparatus of Claim 15.
22. A hardware kit comprising the apparatus of Claim 17.